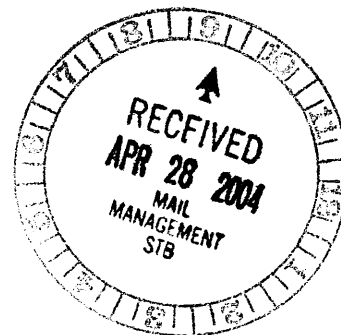




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Ms. Victoria J. Rutson
Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
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Dear Ms. Rutson:

The area in question on the map with the Environmental and Historic Reports for the proposed rail line abandonment of Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Co. for 15.50 miles of rail line between M.P. 52.00 near Souris, Bottineau County, North Dakota, and M.P. 67.50 near Westhope, Bottineau County, North Dakota, STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 416X), has been reviewed within the areas of National Geodetic Survey (NGS) responsibility and expertise and in terms of the impact of the proposed actions on NGS activities and projects.

As a result of this review, 5 geodetic station markers have been identified that may be affected by the proposed abandonment; a listing of these markers is enclosed. Additional information about these station markers can be obtained via the Internet or NGS CD-ROM. A fact sheet for these two data retrieval methods is enclosed. If there are any planned activities which will disturb or destroy these markers, NGS requires not less than 90 days notification in advance of such activities in order to plan for their relocation.

If further information is needed for this geodetic marker, contact Mr. Frank C. Maida. His address is NOAA, N/NGS2, Room 8736, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3282, telephone: 301-713-3198, fax: 301-713-4324, e-mail: Frank.Maida@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,

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BETWEEN SOURIS AND WESTHOPE

IN BOTTINEAU COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

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5 GEODETIC CONTROL MARKS IN THE PROPOSED ABANDONMENT AREA

PIDS	DESIGNATION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
TF0515	K 347	N485429	W1004351
TF0516	L 347	N485430	W1004630
TF0517	M 347	N485428	W1004751
TF0518	N 347	N485428	W1005027
TF0690	S 347	N485429	W1010058



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- ▶ The geodetic coordinates and the orthometric height for each point
- ▶ The horizontal and vertical datums on which the information is based
- ▶ State plane coordinates and Universal Transverse Mercator coordinates
- ▶ Modeled geoid height, ellipsoidal height, modeled gravity, and Laplace correction
- ▶ A description of the station's location and how to reach it

To obtain this information, set your Web browser to
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